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## **Atholton Park Parking Lot Improvements to Begin**

ELLCOTT CITY, MD – A Howard County construction project to create a bio-retention “facility” on an existing grassy area adjacent to the Atholton Park parking lot on Donleigh Drive in Columbia is scheduled to begin on or about Monday, October 25. This bio-retention facility will utilize the chemical, biological and physical properties of plants, microbes and soil to capture storm water runoff and remove pollutants from the water before it reaches a nearby stream. The construction of this project is partially funded through a Chesapeake Bay Trust Fund grant.

A portion of the parking lot will be closed during the construction; however, the project will not impact the flow of traffic in the area. Weather permitting, the project is expected to be completed by mid-December.

For questions or concerns about Capital Project D-1160, contact Lisa Brightwell, Public Works Customer Service, at 410-313-3440, or by e-mail to [publicworks@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:publicworks@howardcountymd.gov).

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